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For: System for Alerting a Network
of Changes in Operational
Status of a Communication
System

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DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56, it is requested that the materials identified below be considered by the Examiner in the application identified above, and made of record therein. Copies of the materials are enclosed. This submission is believed to comply with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

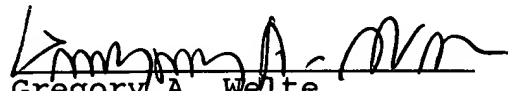
The undersigned makes no representation that a search has been made.

Applicant stipulates, and admits, the article identified below to be contained within the prior art, more than one year prior to Applicant's date of invention.

LISTING

R. Perlman, "Fault Tolerance Broadcast of Routing Information," Computer Networks, Vol. 7, pp 395 - 405, 1983.

Respectfully submitted;



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